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A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to the School Employees Retirement Act; to 1 2 amend sections 79-947.01 and 79-975, Reissue Revised 3 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 79-902 and 79-934, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998; to change provisions 5 relating to the monthly formula annuity and supplemental cost-of-living adjustments; to redefine a term; 6 eliminate obsolete reference; to eliminate and an transfer funds; to provide duties; to harmonize 8 provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the 9 10 original sections; to outright repeal section 79-947.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998; and to declare an 11 12 emergency.

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1 Section 1. Section 79-902, Revised Statutes Supplement,

- 2 1998, is amended to read:
- 3 79-902. For purposes of the School Employees Retirement
- 4 Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 5 (1) Accumulated contributions means the sum of all
- 6 amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and credited to
- 7 his or her individual account in the School Retirement Fund
- 8 together with regular interest thereon, compounded monthly,
- 9 quarterly, semiannually, or annually;
- 10 (2) Beneficiary means any person in receipt of a school
- 11 retirement allowance or other benefit provided by the act;
- 12 (3) Member means any person who has an account in the
- 13 School Retirement Fund;
- 14 (4) County school official means the county
- 15 superintendent or district superintendent and any person serving in
- 16 his or her office who is required by law to have a teacher's
- 17 certificate;
- 18 (5) Creditable service means prior service for which
- 19 credit is granted under sections 79-926 to 79-929, service credit
- 20 purchased under sections 79-933.03 to 79-933.06 and 79-933.08, and
- 21 all service rendered while a contributing member of the retirement
- 22 system. Creditable service includes working days, sick days,
- 23 vacation days, holidays, and any other leave days for which the
- 24 employee is paid regular wages as part of the employee's agreement
- 25 with the employer. Creditable service does not include lump-sum
- 26 payments to the employee upon termination or retirement in lieu of
- 27 accrued benefits for such days, eligibility and vesting credit, nor
- 28 service years for which member contributions are withdrawn and not

1 repaid. Creditable service also does not include service rendered

- 2 by a member for which the retirement board determines that the
- 3 member was paid less in compensation than the minimum wage as
- 4 provided in the Wage and Hour Act or service which the board
- 5 determines was rendered with the intent to defraud the retirement
- 6 system;
- 7 (6) Disability retirement allowance means the annuity
- 8 paid to a person upon retirement for disability under section
- 9 79-952;
- 10 (7) Employer means the State of Nebraska or any
- 11 subdivision thereof or agency of the state or subdivision
- 12 authorized by law to hire school employees or to pay their
- 13 compensation;
- 14 (8) Fiscal year means any year beginning July 1 and
- 15 ending June 30 next following;
- 16 (9) Regular interest means interest fixed at a rate equal
- 17 to the bond equivalent yield, as published by the Secretary of the
- 18 Treasury of the United States, of the average accepted auction
- 19 price for the last auction of fifty-two-week United States treasury
- 20 bills in effect on the last day of the preceding plan year, which
- 21 may be credited monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually as
- 22 the board may direct;
- 23 (10) Junior school employee means a school employee who
- 24 has not arrived at his or her twenty-first birthday anniversary on
- 25 August 15 preceding;
- 26 (11) School employee means a contributing member who
- 27 acquires five hundred sixteen hours or more of service in a fiscal
- 28 year and thereby earns one-half year of service credit. A

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1 contributing member who acquires one thousand thirty-two hours or

- 2 more of service in a fiscal year shall earn one year of service
- 3 credit. For purposes of this section, contributing member means
- 4 the following persons who receive compensation from a public
- 5 school: (a) Regular employees hired upon a full-time basis which
- 6 contemplates a workweek of not less than thirty hours and (b)
- 7 part-time employees hired for not less than sixty hours per month;
- 8 (12) Prior service means service rendered as a school
- 9 employee in the public schools of the State of Nebraska prior to
- 10 July 1, 1945;
- 11 (13) Public school means any and all schools offering
- 12 instruction in elementary or high school grades, as defined in
- 13 section 79-101, which schools are supported by public funds and are
- 14 wholly under the control and management of the State of Nebraska or
- 15 any subdivision thereof, including (a) schools or other entities
- 16 established, maintained, and controlled by the school boards of
- 17 local school districts, except Class V school districts, (b) any
- 18 educational service unit, and (c) any other educational institution
- 19 wholly supported by public funds, except schools under the control
- 20 and management of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State
- 21 Colleges, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, or
- 22 the community college boards of governors for any community college
- 23 areas;
- 24 (14) Retirement means qualifying for and accepting a
- 25 school or disability retirement allowance granted under the School
- 26 Employees Retirement Act;
- 27 (15) Retirement board or board means the Public Employees
- 28 Retirement Board;

1 (16) Retirement system means the School Retirement System

- 2 of the State of Nebraska;
- 3 (17) Required deposit means the deduction from a member's
- 4 compensation as provided for in section 79-958 which shall be
- 5 deposited in the School Retirement Fund;
- 6 (18) School year means one fiscal year which includes not
- 7 less than one thousand thirty-two instructional hours or, in the
- 8 case of service in the State of Nebraska prior to July 1, 1945, not
- 9 less than seventy-five percent of the then legal school year;
- 10 (19) Senior school employee means a school employee who
- 11 has arrived at his or her twenty-first birthday anniversary on
- 12 August 15 preceding;
- 13 (20) Service means employment as a school employee and
- 14 shall not be deemed interrupted by (a) termination at the end of
- 15 the school year of the contract of employment of an employee in a
- 16 public school if the employee enters into a contract of employment
- 17 in any public school, except a school in a Class V school district,
- 18 for the following school year, (b) temporary or seasonal suspension
- 19 of service that does not terminate the employee's employment, (c)
- 20 leave of absence authorized by the employer for a period not
- 21 exceeding twelve months, (d) leave of absence because of
- 22 disability, or (e) military service when properly authorized by the
- 23 retirement board. Service does not include any period of
- 24 disability for which disability retirement benefits are received
- 25 under sections 79-951 to 79-953;
- 26 (21) School retirement allowance means the total of the
- 27 savings annuity and the service annuity or formula annuity paid a
- 28 person who has retired under sections 79-931 to 79-935. The

1 monthly payments shall be payable at the end of each calendar month

- 2 during the life of a retired member. The first payment shall
- 3 include all amounts accrued since the effective date of the award
- 4 of annuity. The last payment shall be at the end of the calendar
- 5 month in which such member dies or in accordance with the payment
- 6 option chosen by the member;
- 7 (22) Service annuity means payments for life, made in
- 8 equal monthly installments, derived from appropriations made by the
- 9 State of Nebraska to the retirement system;
- 10 (23) State deposit means the deposit by the state in the
- 11 retirement system on behalf of any member;
- 12 (24) State school official means the Commissioner of
- 13 Education and his or her professional staff; and the assistant
- 14 commissioner of education in charge of vocational education and his
- 15 or her professional staff;
- 16 (25) Savings annuity means payments for life, made in
- 17 equal monthly payments, derived from the accumulated contributions
- 18 of a member;
- 19 (26) Emeritus member means a person (a) who has entered
- 20 retirement under the provisions of the act, including those persons
- 21 who have retired since July 1, 1945, under any other regularly
- 22 established retirement or pension system as contemplated by section
- 23 79-916, (b) who has thereafter been reemployed in any capacity by a
- 24 public school, a Class V school district, or a school under the
- 25 control and management of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska
- 26 State Colleges, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska,
- 27 or a community college board of governors or has become a state
- 28 school official or county school official subsequent to such

1 retirement, and (c) who has applied to the board for emeritus

- 2 membership in the retirement system. The school district or agency
- 3 shall certify to the retirement board on forms prescribed by the
- 4 retirement board that the annuitant was reemployed, rendered a
- 5 service, and was paid by the district or agency for such services;
- 6 (27) Actuarial equivalent means the equality in value of
- 7 the aggregate amounts expected to be received under different forms
- 8 of payment. The determinations shall be based on the 1971 Group
- 9 Annuity Mortality Table reflecting sex-distinct factors blended
- 10 using twenty-five percent of the male table and seventy-five
- 11 percent of the female table. An interest rate of seven percent per
- 12 annum shall be reflected in making these determinations except when
- 13 a lump-sum settlement is made to an estate. If the lump-sum
- 14 settlement is made to an estate, the interest rate will be
- 15 determined by the Moody's Triple A Bond Index as of the prior June
- 16 30, rounded to the next lower quarter percent;
- 17 (28) Retirement date means the first day of the month
- 18 following the date upon which a member's request for retirement is
- 19 received on a retirement application provided by the retirement
- 20 system if the member has terminated employment in the school
- 21 system. An application may be filed no more than ninety days in
- 22 advance of the date on which a member terminates employment in the
- 23 school system;
- 24 (29) Disability retirement date means the first day of
- 25 the month following the date upon which a member's request for
- 26 disability retirement is received on a retirement application
- 27 provided by the retirement system if the member has terminated
- 28 employment in the school system and has complied with sections

- 1 79-951 to 79-954 as such sections refer to disability retirement;
- 2 (30) Retirement application means the form approved by
- 3 the retirement system for acceptance of a member's request for
- 4 either regular or disability retirement;
- 5 (31) Eligibility and vesting credit means credit for
- 6 years, or a fraction of a year, of participation in a Nebraska
- 7 government plan for purposes of determining eligibility for
- 8 benefits under the School Employees Retirement Act. Such credit
- 9 shall not be included as years of creditable service in the benefit
- 10 calculation;
- 11 (32) Final average compensation means (a) for full-time
- 12 employees, the member's total compensation subject to required
- 13 deposits for the three fiscal years in which such compensation was
- 14 the highest divided by thirty-six and (b) for part-time employees,
- 15 the member's total adjusted compensation subject to required
- 16 deposits for the three fiscal years in which such adjusted
- 17 compensation was the highest divided by thirty-six. If a member
- 18 has such compensation for less than three such fiscal years, his or
- 19 her final average compensation shall be determined by dividing his
- 20 or her total compensation in all such years by the total number of
- 21 months of his or her creditable service therefor. Adjusted
- 22 compensation for any year shall be equal to actual pay times the
- 23 ratio of one to the actual credited service for such year.
- 24 Payments under the Retirement Incentive Plan pursuant to
- 25 section 79-855 and Staff Development Assistance pursuant to section
- 26 79-856 shall not be included in the determination of final average
- 27 compensation;
- 28 (33) Plan year means the twelve-month period beginning on

- 1 July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following year;
- 2 (34) Current benefit means the initial benefit increased
- 3 by all adjustments made pursuant to section 79 947.02 the act;
- 4 (35) Initial benefit means the retirement benefit
- 5 calculated at the time of retirement;
- 6 (36) Surviving spouse means (a) the spouse married to the
- 7 member on the date of the member's death or (b) the spouse or
- 8 former spouse of the member if survivorship rights are provided
- 9 under a qualified domestic relations order filed with the board
- 10 pursuant to the Spousal Pension Rights Act. The spouse or former
- 11 spouse shall supersede the spouse married to the member on the date
- 12 of the member's death as provided under a qualified domestic
- 13 relations order. If the benefits payable to the spouse or former
- 14 spouse under a qualified domestic relations order are less than the
- 15 value of benefits entitled to the surviving spouse, the spouse
- 16 married to the member on the date of the member's death shall be
- 17 the surviving spouse for the balance of the benefits;
- 18 (37)(a) Compensation means gross wages or salaries
- 19 payable to the member for personal services performed during the
- 20 plan year. Compensation does not include amounts which the
- 21 retirement board determines were fraudulently obtained,
- 22 compensation for unused sick leave or unused vacation leave
- 23 converted to cash payments, insurance premiums converted into cash
- 24 payments, reimbursement for expenses incurred, fringe benefits, or
- 25 bonuses for services not actually rendered, including, but not
- 26 limited to, early retirement inducements, cash awards, and
- 27 severance pay, except for retroactive salary payments paid pursuant
- 28 to court order, arbitration, or litigation and grievance

1 settlements. Compensation includes overtime pay, member retirement

- 2 contributions, and amounts contributed by the member to plans under
- 3 sections 125, 403(b), and 457 of the Internal Revenue Code or any
- 4 other section of the code which defers or excludes such amounts
- 5 from income.
- 6 (b) Compensation in excess of the limitations set forth
- 7 in section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
- 8 disregarded. For an employee who was a member of the retirement
- 9 system before the first plan year beginning after December 31,
- 10 1995, the limitation on compensation shall not be less than the
- 11 amount which was allowed to be taken into account under the
- 12 retirement system as in effect on July 1, 1993; and
- 13 (38) Termination of employment occurs on the date on
- 14 which the members' employer determines that the member's
- 15 employer-employee relationship with the employer is dissolved. The
- 16 employer shall notify the board in writing within two weeks after
- 17 the date such a termination is deemed to have occurred.
- 18 Termination of employment does not include ceasing active work at
- 19 the end of the school year if the member will return to active work
- 20 during the following school year with any school district under the
- 21 retirement system.
- 22 Sec. 2. Section 79-934, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 23 1998, is amended to read:
- 24 79-934. (1) In lieu of the school retirement allowance
- 25 provided by section 79-933, any member who is not an employee of a
- 26 Class V school district and who becomes eligible to make
- 27 application for and receive a school retirement allowance under
- 28 section 79-931 may receive a formula annuity retirement allowance

1 if it is greater than the school retirement allowance provided by 2 section 79-933.

3 (2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the 4 monthly formula annuity in the normal form shall be determined by 5 multiplying the number of years of creditable service for which 6 such member would otherwise receive the service annuity provided by 7 section 79-933 by (a) one and one-quarter percent of his or her 8 final average compensation for a member who has acquired the 9 equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a public school 10 employee under the retirement system following August 24, 1975, (b) one and one-half percent of his or her final average compensation 11 12 for a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of 13 service or more as a public school employee under the retirement 14 system following July 17, 1982, (c) one and sixty-five hundredths 15 percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who 16 has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a public school employee under the retirement system following July 17 18 1, 1984, (d) one and seventy-three hundredths percent of his or her 19 final average compensation for a member actively employed as a 20 public school employee under the retirement system or under 21 contract with an employer on or after June 5, 1993, or (e) one and 22 eight-tenths percent of his or her final average compensation for a 23 member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service 24 or more as a public school employee under the retirement system 25 following July 1, 1995, and was employed as a public school employee under the retirement system or under contract with an 26 27 employer on or after April 10, 1996, or (f) one and nine-tenths 28 percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who

1 has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as

- 2 a public school employee under the retirement system following July
- 3 1, 1999, and was employed as a public school employee under the
- 4 retirement system or under contract with an employer on or after
- 5 the effective date of this act.
- 6 (3) If the annuity begins on or after the sixty-fifth
- 7 birthday of a member, the annuity shall not be reduced. If the
- 8 annuity begins prior to the sixty-fifth birthday of the member and
- 9 the member has completed thirty or more years of creditable service
- 10 and is at least sixty years of age, the annuity shall not be
- 11 reduced. If the annuity begins prior to the sixtieth birthday of
- 12 the member and the member has completed thirty-five or more years
- 13 of creditable service, the annuity shall be actuarially reduced on
- 14 the basis of age sixty-five. If the annuity begins on or after the
- 15 sixtieth birthday of the member and the member has completed at
- 16 least a total of five years of (a) creditable service plus (b)
- 17 eligibility and vesting credit but less than thirty years of
- 18 creditable service, the annuity shall be reduced by three percent
- 19 for each year by which the member's age is less than the age at
- 20 which the member's age plus years of creditable service would have
- 21 totaled ninety or three percent for each year after the member's
- 22 sixtieth birthday and prior to his or her sixty-fifth birthday,
- 23 whichever provides the greater annuity.
- 24 (4) For retirements on or after March 4, 1998, if the
- 25 annuity begins at a time when the sum of the member's attained age
- 26 and creditable service totals eighty-five and the member is at
- 27 least fifty-five years of age, the annuity shall not be reduced.
- 28 This subsection shall only apply to a member who has acquired the

1 equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a public school

- 2 employee under the retirement system following July 1, 1997, and
- 3 who was a school employee on or after March 4, 1998. This
- 4 subsection shall not apply to a member who is retired prior to
- 5 March 4, 1998.
- 6 (5) Except as provided in section 42-1107, the normal
- 7 form of the formula annuity shall be an annuity payable monthly
- 8 during the remainder of the member's life with the provision that
- 9 in the event of his or her death before sixty monthly payments have
- 10 been made the monthly payments will be continued to his or her
- 11 estate or to the beneficiary he or she has designated until sixty
- 12 monthly payments have been made. Except as provided in section
- 13 42-1107, a member may elect to receive in lieu of the normal form
- 14 of annuity an actuarially equivalent annuity in any optional form
- 15 provided by section 79-938.
- 16 (6) All formula annuities shall be paid from the Annuity
- 17 Reserve Account. Upon the granting of a formula annuity, there
- 18 shall be transferred to the Annuity Reserve Account: (a) From the
- 19 Service Annuity Account, the value of the service annuity which
- 20 would otherwise be payable; (b) from the School Employees Savings
- 21 Account, the accumulated contributions of the member; and (c) from
- 22 the School Employers Deposit Account, the value of the formula
- 23 annuity in excess of the amounts transferred from the Service
- 24 Annuity Account and the School Employees Savings Account. The
- 25 amounts transferred from the Service Annuity Account at any time
- 26 after such member attains sixty years of age and prior to his or
- 27 her sixty-fifth birthday or thirty-five years of creditable service
- 28 shall be on an actuarially reduced basis.

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1 Sec. 3. Section 79-947.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of

- 2 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 3 79-947.01. (1) Beginning July 1, 2000, and each July 1
- 4 thereafter, current benefits paid to a member or beneficiary shall
- 5 be adjusted to equal seventy-five percent of the annuity which
- 6 results when the initial benefit that was paid to the member or
- 7 beneficiary (before any cost-of-living adjustments or supplemental
- 8 retirement benefit adjustments pursuant to the School Employees
- 9 Retirement Act), is adjusted by the increase in the change in the
- 10 Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
- 11 between the commencement date of the annuity and July 1 of each
- 12 year the adjustment is made. The adjustment pursuant to this
- 13 subsection shall not cause a current benefit to be reduced.
- 14 (2) Beginning July 1, 2000, the current benefit of a
- 15 member or the beneficiary of such a member shall be increased
- 16 annually by the lesser of (1) the change in the Consumer Price
- 17 Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the
- 18 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor
- 19 for the prior year or (2) two percent.
- 20 (3) The School Employees Purchasing Power Stabilization
- 21 Fund is created. The purpose of the fund shall be to reflect
- 22 changes in the cost of living and wage levels that have occurred
- 23 subsequent to the date of retirement and that have reduced the
- 24 purchasing power of retirement benefits provided under the
- 25 retirement system. A separate annual actuarial valuation of the
- 26 fund and the benefits provided in section 79-947.02 shall be
- 27 completed by the actuary using the aggregate actuarial cost method.
- 28 Commencing with the 1996-97 fiscal year through the 1999-00 fiscal

1 year, the state shall contribute to the **fund** School Employees

- 2 Purchasing Power Stabilization Fund an annual level dollar payment
- 3 certified by the board. After the 1999-00 fiscal year, the state
- 4 shall contribute to the Annuity Reserve Fund an annual level dollar
- 5 payment certified by the board. For the 1996-97 fiscal year
- 6 through the 2010-11 fiscal year, the annual level dollar payment
- 7 certified by the board shall equal 81.7873 percent of six million
- 8 eight hundred ninety-five thousand dollars. Any Until July 1,
- 9 2000, any money in the **fund** School Employees Purchasing Power
- 10 Stabilization Fund available for investment shall be invested by
- 11 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 12 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. On July
- 13 1, 1999, the School Employees Purchasing Power Stabilization Fund
- 14 shall terminate and all money in the fund shall be transferred to
- 15 the Annuity Reserve Fund.
- 16 (4) The retirement board shall adjust the annual benefit
- 17 adjustment provided in this section so that the total amount of all
- 18 cost-of-living adjustments provided to the eligible retiree at the
- 19 time of the annual benefit adjustment does not exceed the change in
- 20 the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical
- 21 Workers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period
- 22 between June 30 of the prior year to June 30 of the present year.
- Sec. 4. Section 79-975, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 79-975. (1) The School Employees Retirement System
- 26 Reserve Fund is created. Required deposits from the compensation
- 27 of members and employers shall be accumulated in the fund to
- 28 provide a one-time cost-of-living benefit adjustment for each

1 member who ceased employment prior to April 10, 1996, or his or her

- 2 surviving beneficiary, and who is receiving a retirement annuity
- 3 from the School Retirement System of the State of Nebraska when
- 4 such adjustment is administered. The purpose of the cost-of-living
- 5 benefit adjustment shall be to reflect changes in the cost of
- 6 living and wage levels that have occurred subsequent to the date of
- 7 retirement.
- 8 (2) Commencing July 1, 1993, member contributions into
- 9 the fund shall equal three-tenths of one percent of compensation
- 10 and employer contributions into the fund shall be one hundred one
- 11 percent of member contributions to the fund. Such member and
- 12 employer contributions to the fund shall cease on the first month
- 13 following the month when funds are sufficient to provide a one-time
- 14 three percent cost-of-living benefit adjustment provided by
- 15 subsection (3) of this section. A member who receives a refund of
- 16 his or her account after July 1, 1993, shall be entitled to receive
- 17 a refund of his or her contributions to the fund. No refund shall
- 18 be made for an amount less than two dollars.
- 19 (3) Upon verification by the actuary that amounts
- 20 accumulated in the fund are sufficient to provide a three percent
- 21 cost-of-living benefit adjustment for all qualified persons and a
- 22 reserve to refund prior contributions as provided in subsections
- 23 (2) and (4) of this section, the retirement board shall administer
- 24 the one-time three percent cost-of-living benefit adjustment as
- 25 provided by this section for each member and beneficiary when
- 26 sufficient amounts have accumulated in the fund. Such amounts
- 27 shall be determined so that all funds available in the School
- 28 Employees Retirement System Reserve Fund, except for the reserve

- 1 amount pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, are utilized.
- 2 (4) Based upon recommendations by the actuary, the board
- 3 shall determine the reserve amount to refund prior member
- 4 contributions pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. When no
- 5 member entitled to a refund under subsection (2) of this section
- 6 remains in the retirement system, the board shall transfer the
- 7 reserve amount to the School Employees Purchasing Power
- 8 Stabilization Fund Annuity Reserve Fund.
- 9 (5) The retirement board shall make transfers to and from
- 10 the School Employees Retirement System Reserve Fund and any other
- 11 fund of the School Retirement System of the State of Nebraska
- 12 administered by the retirement board in order to comply with this
- 13 section.
- 14 (6)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that a
- 15 cost-of-living benefit adjustment of benefits of members who ceased
- 16 employment on or after June 5, 1993, and prior to April 10, 1996,
- 17 or of such member's beneficiaries, provided in this section shall
- 18 be granted automatically in future years whenever funds are
- 19 sufficient in the School Employees Retirement System Reserve Fund
- 20 for such a benefit and the increase in the cost of living or wage
- 21 levels justifies the adjustment as provided by this section. The
- 22 cost-of-living benefit adjustment shall be the equivalent of three
- 23 percent of benefits provided pursuant to the School Employees
- 24 Retirement Act. The cost-of-living benefit adjustment shall be
- 25 paid to a retired person or surviving beneficiary during his or her
- 26 life.
- 27 (b) Transfers of surplus assets in any fund of the School
- 28 Retirement System of the State of Nebraska to the School Employees

1 Retirement System Reserve Fund shall be made only as provided by

- 2 the Legislature.
- 3 (7) For members who retired prior to June 1, 1993, the
- 4 cost-of-living benefit adjustment shall be calculated based on the
- 5 amount of benefit the member is receiving on June 1, 1993. For
- 6 members who retire on or after June 1, 1993, the cost-of-living
- 7 benefit adjustment shall be calculated based on the amount of the
- 8 benefit the member is receiving when the cost-of-living benefit
- 9 adjustment is granted.
- 10 Sec. 5. Sections 2 and 6 of this act become operative on
- 11 July 1, 1999. Sections 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 of this act become
- 12 operative on July 1, 2000. The other sections of this act become
- 13 operative on their effective date.
- 14 Sec. 6. Original section 79-934, Revised Statutes
- 15 Supplement, 1998, is repealed.
- 16 Sec. 7. Original sections 79-947.01 and 79-975, Reissue
- 17 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 79-902, Revised Statutes
- 18 Supplement, 1998, are repealed.
- 19 Sec. 8. The following section is outright repealed:
- 20 Section 79-947.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1998.
- 21 Sec. 9. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
- 22 when passed and approved according to law.